

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, prior to the first paragraph which begins on line 4, please insert the following:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph which begins on page 1, lines 4 and 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The invention relates to a method for transmitting software code from a control unit to a field device of process automation technology[[,]] ~~according to the preamble of claim 1.~~

On page 1, prior to the second paragraph which begins on line 6, please insert the following:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On page 3, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 24, please insert the following:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph which appears on page 3, line 27, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This object is achieved by ~~the method steps of claim 1~~ integrating the software code in a software module, which encapsulates data and functions of the field device and requires, as runtime environment, an operating program for field devices; and establishing a communication connection with the operating program and the field device, resulting in a transfer of the software code via the communication connection.

On page 4, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 15, please insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 4, prior to the paragraph which begins on line 19, please insert the following:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS